

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 4, 2001 (BOS Mtg. 9/18/01)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Crossroads Community Youth Home / Architectural Services

### **Background**

As you know, York County is both a member and the managing jurisdiction for the Colonial Group Home Commission. The other member localities are the City of Williamsburg and the Counties of Gloucester and James City. These jurisdictions own Crossroads Community Youth Home as tenants-in-common. This facility is housed in a structure that is aged, a continuing maintenance drain and, more importantly, was not designed for use as a group home. After searching for several years, we have now identified a potential site for a critically needed replacement facility. Although this is still a confidential property acquisition matter, discussions with the owner are proceeding in a very satisfactory manner.

### **Current**

To move this project forward it is necessary to undertake several activities in the same time frame. The Commission member localities and the Commonwealth will share the development and construction costs for this facility. State funding is capped at 50% of project elements determined to be "allowable".

In order to secure the maximum possible funding from the Commonwealth, it is necessary to submit extensive materials for review and approval by the staff and then the Board of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). If all is approved, DJJ will include a request for the General Assembly to approve funding in the state budget. This is a long and involved process and if all goes well with materials being developed now, the earliest that the General Assembly would consider this request would be during the 2003 Session.

Certain materials required by DJJ involve the architectural design of the proposed facility. Consequently it is essential to secure the services of an architect at this time. The model for a proposed facility is a fairly new building located in Hampton. The City has given written authorization for the use of their architectural drawings. The design work for that project was DJG, who is presently under an architectural service contract with the County. DJG has provided the enclosed cost information to site-adapt the Hampton Less Secure plans for this project. This includes a construction management component.

### **Recommendation**

I believe that the proposed facility design is a good one and it has been tested by Hampton's operation of a reasonably similar program. The Colonial Group Home Commission has reviewed and supports the proposal. Staff has worked with the four Commission localities on financial planning and have established a project budget with sufficient funds to cover the architectural design costs. Since the architect is already under contract with the County and has agreed to site adapt this design at a reasonable cost, I recommend approval of Resolution R01-163 authorizing staff to proceed.

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**Attachments**

- R01-163
- Colonial Group Home Commission Resolution
- DJG Proposal